

ESA Section 7

Discussion

Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 – UIC Program

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Date: 5/27/2020

Time: 9AM – 10 AM (Mountain Daylight Time)

EPA Attendees:

Minter Douglas – Chief UIC Section

Kimi Matsumoto – EPA Attorney

Omar Sierra-Lopez – UIC Environmental Scientist

USFWS Attendees:

Scott Larson – ND/SD Field Supervisor

Charlene Bessken – Biologist

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. Discussion Topics

- a) Selecting a buffer zone for species included in the ESA list.
- b) Construction / Maintenance Operations required to cease if an ESA species enters the buffer zone.
- c) Using supplemental lighting during construction/operations.
- d) Motion activated cameras monitoring.
- e) Non-ESA species conservation measures.

III. Meeting Conclusion

- a) Next Steps – Biological Assessment Reconsideration if needed.